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HE WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF MR FORD FOR REVEALING AT A  
MEETING WITH NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS THAT THE CIA MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST FOUR FOREIGN LEADERS.

MR FORD'S COMMENTS LATER WERE LEAKED TO FORMER CBS  
CORRESPONDENT DANIEL SCHORR WHO USED IT IN A TELEVISION  
BROADCAST AND WAS THEN ACCUSED BY MR HELMS OF BEING A KILLER.

MR HELMS SAID THE ACCUSATIONS ABOUT ASSASSINATIONS WERE  
UNTRUE BUT HAD NOT BEEN DENIED AND THEREFORE FESTERED AND TOOK  
ROOT IN THE PUBLIC'S MIND.

"THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME PLOTS, BUT CERTAINLY NO  
ASSASSINATIONS," HE SAID. 1

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